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Response to Final Official Action

In response to the Official Action of January 10, 2006, Applicants herewith present their amendment and remarks. Please amend the claims as detailed below. Applicants believe that the entry of the amendments to claim 26 and 36 are proper. Amended claim 26 is a dependent claim to non-amended independent claim 25. The amendment to claim 36 incorporates a limitation previously presented to the Examiner, which clarifies the location of the grooves on the screw body, and would not require additional searching by the Examiner. Applicant believes that no fee is due in connection with the filing of this Amendment. However, if any fee is due please charge Deposit Account No. 19-4516.

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